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## BLOEMFONTEIN HERE FROM LAST BAD CANAL SLIDE

Imprisoned for nine days in Culebra cut, blocked in proceeding to the Pacific terminal of the Panama canal because of a tremendous slide, the British steamship Bloemfontein, bearing 14,000 bales of cotton and 2500 tons of steel rails for Japan, is today taking on 500 tons of coal at Honolulu and may steam this evening for the coast of Asia.

Capt. T. A. Purcell and Chief Officer Keogh claim to have witnessed a thrilling spectacle when thousands of tons of earth and rock slowly rolled down the mountainside into the big waterway within a few hundred yards of where the Bloemfontein had been moored.

Within a few hours the water in the canal had receded from 42 feet to 26 feet, leaving several large freight cars, among which were the American-Hawaiian steamer Dakotian and the British liner Chinese Prince, high and fast on the bottom.

The slide began near the top of the cut and the avalanche soon filled the canal, the material spreading over a considerable area.

The Bloemfontein, for years a trader between the United Kingdom and the Far East, was supplied with cargo at Pensacola, Fla., and Galveston, Texas. It departed from the latter port November 6 and met with no delay because of weather, passing through the locks on the Atlantic side of the canal in record time.

The canal authorities took immediate steps to release the vessels, a number of powerful dredgers getting into action in the rapid removal of debris. Chief Officer Keogh stated this morning that with the assistance of remarkable equipment the dredgers unloaded their contents into a vast fleet of barges which were towed to sea.

A half dozen large ocean-going steamers lined the banks of the canal while the work progressed. The American-Hawaiian steamer Virginian, which had just entered the Miraflores locks on the Pacific side of the ditch, is reported to have been held for some days pending the opening of the canal to traffic.

Keogh last visited Honolulu eight years ago in a British collier. The Bloemfontein has been in commission for the past seven years, carries a wireless equipment and is capable of steaming on an average 11 knots an hour.

The vessel may return to the United States and Great Britain with an Oriental freight by the way of Honolulu and Panama.

The voyage from Panama to Honolulu was completed in 17 days. No war vessels or other craft were sighted, state the officers.

Columbian to Resume Sound Service. The American-Hawaiian line will resume its freight service between Puget Sound and the Hawaiian Islands with the departure of the steamer Columbian from Seattle on last Tuesday according to report received by C. P. Morse, general freight agent for the company at this port. The Columbian is expected to bring several thousand tons of cargo that has been assembled at Seattle and Tacoma. In returning to the mainland the Columbian will load sugar at several island ports for the east coast of the United States. The vessel will proceed to its destination by the way of Panama.

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Auctioneer.

The sale of the above Honey is postponed until Saturday, January 2, 1915, at the same hour and place of sale.

## CHINESE PRINCE TO BRAVE FIELDS OF ICE

Destined to plough its way through miles of frozen ocean in forcing a passage to ice-bound Vladivostok, the British freighter Chinese Prince, laden with 7000 tons of cargo, including food stuff and railway material, is today taking on 500 tons of coal to insure a sufficient supply of fuel for a long and hazardous voyage.

While the freighter was numbered with the slide-bound steamers detained at Panama canal, and departed from the Pacific terminals in company with the Bloemfontein, the Chinese Prince, officered and manned completely by Britishers, is said to have followed a track that isolated the vessel.

Captain H. J. Davis, however, took all precaution against a chance meeting with war vessels of a hostile power. Much of the distance he steamed with hooded lights. Having no wireless equipment on board the vessel received orders at Panama, providing for a call at Honolulu for additional fuel.

The Chinese Prince is equipped for carrying passengers as well as freight. For some years it has been employed in a trade between Great Britain and South American ports. The vessel is expected to steam for Vladivostok this evening.

Mexican Delayed by Big Freight. A large offering of east-bound freight is held responsible for the delay in departure of the American-Hawaiian steamer Mexican. A large amount of wool and other products from Australia is today going into the vessel, now moored at Pier 7. The Mexican has been chartered to carry warbound cargo brought by the German steamer Pommeria, to New York. The vessel is believed will steam for Panama on Saturday afternoon.

Santa Maria Has Fuel for Hilo. The Union Oil Company tanker Santa Maria, due to arrive at the islands about December 17, will land about 10,000 barrels of oil at Hilo before returning to the California coast. H. B. Weller, general representative, states that the Santa Maria left Port San Luis with 40,000 barrels of oil and a large shipment of gasoline and distillate.

Dix Will Relieve Shortage of Coal. A shortage of coal that has threatened the United States army quartermaster department for some weeks is declared will be relieved with the expected arrival of the transport Dix from Milki, Japan, about December 28. The Dix met with an accident on an outward voyage and has been undergoing extensive repairs at Olongapo naval station in the Philippines. A late cable received in this city announced the departure of the Dix from the Japanese port with a full cargo of coal on December 8. The greater part of the consignment of fuel will be discharged at Honolulu.

Sonoma Saved Day on Voyage. A saving of 24 hours was made in the steaming time of the Oceanic liner Sonoma between Sydney, N. S. W., and San Francisco, the vessel arriving at the Coast yesterday morning, completing its initial trip under the new and fast schedule. The Sonoma left Honolulu on last Thursday evening, taking a score of cabin passengers and a large assortment of mail destined to points along the Atlantic seaboard and to the United Kingdom and the Continent. By cutting out a call at Pago Pago a marked reduction in time was possible.

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## TANKER UNIO DID NOT VIOLATE NEUTRALITY

It required a lengthy conference between Capt. Mowatt, collector of Customs M. A. Franklin and Deputy Collector Rymer Sharp to determine the status of the British tanker Unio before it was announced this afternoon that the vessel had not violated the United States neutrality regulations in remaining at the port of Honolulu for more than 24 hours.

The Unio, with about 2400 tons of oil, said to have been supplied at Borneo and destined for Thursday Island, steamed to quarantine anchorage yesterday morning. Mystery surrounded the appearance of the vessel at the port, the officers in the Unio refusing to make known their reason for coming to this port, except in the brief statement that the ship was in need of fresh vegetables and water.

Captain Mowatt was called before the collector of customs this morning when he stated that the Unio did not carry fuel intended for British or Japanese war vessels now in the Pacific. The British tanker may enter the harbor today.

## VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Wireless to Merchants' Exchange.)  
YOKOHAMA—Arrived, Dec. 8, thru Siberia, hence Nov. 27.

A meeting of the members of the board of retail trades of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the new headquarters of the chamber, third floor, Kaunakakai building, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Scrapiron made up the bulk of the cargo from Hilo brought to the port by the Inter-island steamer Kaulani.

More than 1200 tons of freight that left New York in the American-Hawaiian freighter Dakotian, now at Honolulu, was discharged at San Pedro. The Dakotian arrived at the islands with but little cargo left in its hold. After loading sugar at Port Allen, Kaunakakai and Hilo the Dakotian is expected to return to Honolulu for despatch to the east coast of the United States.

## CHAMBER WILL NOT EVEN ARGUE ABOUT FRANCHISE

The bill for the extension of the Rapid Transit Company's franchise which now is pending in Congress was briefly brought into a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu yesterday afternoon.

"What shall the Chamber of Commerce do about it?" was the question asked by S. S. Paxson, chairman of the chamber's public utilities commission, who doubtless had in mind the recent letter of the governor, in which that executive stated that he would not favor the extension.

Acting President Wallace R. Farrington called for discussion. None of the directors had anything to say in the matter. Chairman Paxson explained that, when the extension of the franchise first came up, which was prior to the amalgamation of the chamber and the merchants' association, the matter had been called to the attention of these organizations. The merchants' association, said Mr. Paxson, took the matter up vigorously, but the chamber went on record as not caring to go into a proposition which might cause some friction, and for this reason no final action was taken by the chamber.

Mr. Paxson's statement brought the matter to an end. It still is in the hands of the utilities commission, however.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting yesterday afternoon voted to ask President George R. Carter, who now is on the mainland, and Judge S. M. Ballou, who shortly will leave for Washington, D. C., to represent the local chamber at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of America which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, February 3, 4 and 5, 1915.

Robert McDougall, colored, brought suit against the Egges Hotel, of Utica, N. Y., because, when he ordered lunch in the hotel, he was asked to eat in the kitchen.

While trying to rescue a painter who had fallen down an air shaft in an old post office building in New York, Jas. Watson, a clerk, fell forty feet sustaining fatal injuries.

## Morning on 'CHANGE

Stocks again reveal quietness today. Oils shows a rise of 1/4 point to 5 1/2 for 21 shares reported, and Pioneer a similar gain to 2 1/4, on the board. Honokaa sold unchanged in recess at 4 1/2 for 15 and 10 shares. On the board Ewa dropped a point in sales of two lots of 10 shares each at 21.

Dividend announcements of Hawaiian Agricultural Co. and Onomea Sugar Co. foretold in the second edition of this paper yesterday, are made today, together with a special dividend notice of Oahu Railway & Land Co. elsewhere mentioned.

## POLICE STUFFINGS

For stopping a runaway horse hitched to a light wagon yesterday afternoon Police Officer Peter Rose was today specially commended by his superiors. The life of a little Chinese girl is believed to have been saved by the timely action of the officer.

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